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1. THERE FOLLOWS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF LTGEN AMAN MICHAEL ANDOM'S MESSAGE BROADCAST TO THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA ON OCT. 7, 1974:

QUOTE

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, A MONTH AGO I CONVERVED A MESSAGE OF PEACE AND DESCRIBED CHANGES OF ADMINISTRATION AND IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH ARE TO CREATE PEACE IN ERITREA.

PEACE CAN BE OBTAINED THOUGH AGREEMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY. IF PEACE CAN BE OBTAINED IN ERITREA, FARMERS CAN TEND THEIR FARMS PEACEFULLY, AND BUSINESSMEN CAN CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESSES WITHOUT FEAR, AND, IN GENERAL, LIFE IN THE PROVINCE WILL FOLLOW ITS NORMAL COURSE. IN ORDER TO HAVE PEACE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT LAW AND ORDER, AND SECURITY, BE MAINTAINED.

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I DO NOT THINK THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE UNDERSTOOD MY MESSAGE ON NEW CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION AND OBJECTIVES. THE CHANGE IN ACTION IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA, BUT A FEW ENEMIES OF ERITREA ARE CREATING OBSTACLES BY COMMITTING ILLEGAL ACTS. THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA MUST BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE THERE MIGHT BE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE BLOODSHED. OUR MOVEMENT IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. WE DO NOT WANT BLOODSHED, BUT WE WILL NOT AVOID IT, IF IT IS NECESSARY.

THE DESTINY OF ETHIOPIA, AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, WILL BE DECIDED BY THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE MUST CHOOSE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT THEY WANT. A SMALL MINORITY, OR A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE, CAN NOT DICTATE THE FUTURE OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE.

THE UNITY OF ETHIOPIA IS INDIVISIBLE AND THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS GOING TO BE FORMED WILL BE WANTED AND SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA SHALL HAVE FULL RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT THEY WANT. THIS IS THE PROMISE WHICH IS GIVEN TO THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE BY THE ARMED FORCES, AND WILL BE MAINTAINED.

HE WHO OPPOSES THE MOTTO "ETHIOPIA FIRST" WILL BE CONSIDERED THE ENEMY OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE.

THEREFORE, WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE FORCE AGAINST THE ENEMY. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE OUR REVOLUTION IN A PEACEFUL WAY. BUT IF WE FACE ANY OBSTACLE, WE ARE DETERMINED TO DESTROY IT. WE GIVE THIS AS A WARNING, AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL NOT SLOW DOWN OUR FORCE TO DESTROY ANYONE WHO TRIES TO DIVIDE THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE WITH A NEW PHILOSOPHY BASED ON MOTIVES OF RELIGION AND REGIONALISM.

IN MY MESSAGE OF PEACE IN ERITREA, I HAVE SAID THAT OUR ERITREANS BROTHERS WILL BE THE FIRST TO BENEFIT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS. THIS BEING MAINTAINED, AND WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR GOOD WILL AND SENTIMENT OF BROTHERHOOD. WE BELIEVE ONLY IN THE INSEPARABLE UNITY OF ETHIOPIAN AND ERITREA. WE WILL ADOPT SEVERE MEASURES AGAINST ANYONE WHO OPPOSES OUR OWN IDEA. THEREFORE, IT IS BETTER TO THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCE OF SEVERE MEASURES, WHICH WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO LAUNCH AGAINST ANYONE WHO REJECTS OUR OFFER.

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THE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE OPPRESSED ERITREA ARE DEPOSED AND ARE AWAITING TRIAL. NOW ERITREA MUST NOT HAVE ENEMIES. THEREFORE, ALL ERITREANS MUST BE UNITED TO THEIR ETHIOPIAN BROTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE NATION.

WE INVITE THE ERITREAN PEOPLE TO JOIN THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL ETHIOPIANS.

THE ERITREAN PEOPLE MUST BE UNITED WITH US FOR THE COMMON GOAL OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF THE NATION.

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO INSURE WORK FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE IT.

IN ORDER TO DO THIS, WE MUST HAVE RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER, BECAUSE WITHOUT PEACE AND LAW AND ORDER IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO INSURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IF THE ERITREAN PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED NOW, AND IF THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA DO NOT ACCEPT THIS OCCASION TO ESTABLISH PEACE, THEN THE ERITREAN SITUATION WILL WORSEN.

I WOULD LIKE TO WARN THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FORCE, THOUGH WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM USING IT. THE USE OF THIS FORCE WILL CAUSE A GREAT DEAL OF SUFFERING TO THE PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE MUST THINK NOW.

I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN YOU THE PROOF OF MY BROTHERHOOD AND SINCERITY. YOU MUST NOT IGNORE IT. I OFFER AGAIN AN OCCASION OF PEACE. OUR MOTTO "ETHIOPIA FIRST" IS NOT FOR ME OR FOR US, IT IS FOR ALL ETHIOPIANS FOR UNITY. ALL OF US WHO ARE INHABITANTS OF THE FOURTEEN PROVINCES OF ETHIOPIA UNITED IN A COMMON IDEAL, HAVE THE DUTY TO GUIDE ETHIOPIA TO THE PARALLEL PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. IN THIS EFFORT OF OURS, WE ASK GOD'S HELP.

"ETHIOPIA TIKDEM" (ETHIOPIA FIRST).

END QUOTE.

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